

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending. Claims 1, 8-12, 15, 18 and 19 have been amended. Claims 20-33 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for conducting a telephone interview with Applicant's representative on December 5, 2005. During the interview, the finality of the current Action was discussed. The Examiner explained her reasons for making the Action final.

Claims 1-3 and 7 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Sakurai, U.S. Patent 6,089,761. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite "wherein at least eight marks are provided on positions of the periphery of the lens or on positions of the lens holder which are adjacent to the periphery of the lens." Claim 1 now combines features from original claims 4 and 5 into original claim 1. Sakurai fails to teach or suggest providing at least eight marks on positions of the periphery of the lens or on positions of the lens holder which are adjacent to the periphery of the lens. Accordingly, the features of claim 1 are not taught or suggested by Sakurai.

Claims 2, 3 and 7 are allowable at least due to their dependency from claim 1. Applicant requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 14-17 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakurai. These claims are allowable due to their respective dependencies in light of the foregoing remarks. Applicant requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 18 has been amended to recite that at least one of the marks is discriminated from the other marks of the lens. Sakurai fails to teach or suggest this feature.

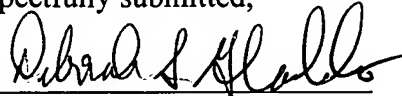
Claim 21 recites "a plurality of marks of lens and/or lens holder are provided and an angular interval of the marks provided on the lens and/or the lens holder is not more than 45° based on the optical axis of the lens." The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest these features.

New claims 22-33 are allowable at least due to their respective dependencies.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 514242000300.

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